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1. THIS CABLE REVIEWS STATUS 75/76 AND 76/77 LECTURER EXCHANGES AND PROPOSES NEW TIMETABLES, AGREED UPON WITH CIES, FOR 76/77 AND 77/78 EXCHANGES. AS EMBASSY AWARE, AT 1974 REVIEW TALKS (PARA 15 REFTEL E) BOTH WE AND SOVIETS PROPOSED REVISIONS OF DATES SPECIFIED IN SECTION 3 OF "CONDITIONS" GOVERNING "GENERAL CULTURAL AGREEMENT", BUT TO DEPT'S KNOWLEDGE NO FINAL AGREEMENT REACHED. PRESENT "GENERAL AGREEMENT" TIMETABLE DOES NOT GIVE CIES ADEQUATE TIME TO PUBLICIZE OPENINGS FOR US LECTURERS IN SOVIET ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS, RECRUIT U.S. LECTURERS, AND PLACE SOVIET LECTURERS IN U.S. DEPT PROPOSES INTERIM TIMETABLE FOR 76/77 PROGRAM ONLY, AND NEW 77/78 TIMETABLE TO BE OBSERVED IN SUBSEQUENT YEARS. INTERIM TIMETABLE DESIGNED TO MAXIMIZE POTENTIAL 76/77 EXCHANGE, WHILE ENSURING THAT WORK ON THIS UNCLASSIFIED

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EXCHANGE IS COMPLETED IN TIME TO BEGIN 77/78 PROGRAM ON NEW SCHEDULE. WE BELIEVE LONG TERM VIABILITY OF LECTURER EXCHANGE REQUIRES ADMINISTRATION OF PROGRAM ON REGULAR SCHEDULE ASAP. FACE-TO-FACE MEETINGS BETWEEN CIES AND MHE, SCHED

-ULED TO COINCIDE WITH DEADLINE DATES FOR VARIOUS STAGES OF LECTURER EXCHANGE, SHOULD PROMPT SOVIETS TO HONOR DEADLINES.

2. STATUS OF 75/76 PROGRAM:

NOVEMBER 1974 - WE SUBMITTED LIST OF PRIORITY FIELDS

MARCH 1975 - SOVIETS SUBMITTED LIST OF PRIORITY FIELDS

11 SOVIETS NOW PLACED IN US UNIVERSITIES (REFTEL D), AND WE HAVE NOMINATED 7 U.S. LECTURERS (INCLUDING 3 "SPECIAL LECTURERS" CITED REFTEL B). NO INFO ON PLACEMENTS OF U.S. LECTURERS AS YET RECEIVED.

3. STATUS OF 76/77 PROGRAM:

APRIL 1975 - WE SUBMITTED LIST OF PRIORITY FIELDS. SOVIET PRIORITY FIELDS NOT YET RECEIVED.

4. DEPT PROPOSES FOLLOWING TIMETABLE FOR REMAINDER OF 76/77 PROGRAM:

A. NOVEMBER 10-15: JOINT MEETING IN USSR. PROFESSOR ARNUF MUHAN, MEMBER CIES EE ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND FULBRIGHT LECTURER AT MGU ON 73/74 EXCHANGE, WOULD REPRESENT CIES. MUHAN PREPARED DISCUSS FINAL LIST OF SOVIET PRIORITY FIELDS FOR 76/77 AND SOVIET NOMINATIONS IN RESPONSE TO OUR PRIORITY FIELDS. BOTH SOVIET LISTS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED AT MEETING. MUHAN ALSO PREPARED DISCUSS PLACEMENTS UNDER 75/76 PROGRAM.

B. JANUARY 31, 1976: NEW DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF NOMINATIONS BY US SIDE IN RESPONSE TO SOVIET PRIORITY FIELDS WE FORESEE NO NEED FOR JOINT MEETING AT THIS TIME. (WE CANNOT SUBMIT NOMINATIONS IN NOVEMBER AS WE STILL DO NOT HAVE SOVIET PRIORITY FIELDS.)

C. MARCH 1: MEETING IN U.S. TO DISCUSS FINAL PLACEMENTS OF UNCLASSIFIED

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SOVIET AND U.S. LECTURERS. (ALTHOUGH RELATIVELY LITTLE TIME WILL HAVE ELAPSED BETWEEN DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF U.S. LECTURER NOMINATIONS AND DATE OF PLACEMENT TALKS, SOVIETS SHOULD EXPERIENCE MINIMUM DIFFICULTY PLACING U.S. LECTURERS, SINCE OUR NOMINATIONS, AS IN PAST, ARE EXPECTED TO CORRESPOND TO SOVIET REQUESTS. CIES NOMINATIONS IN AMERICAN LIT AND HISTORY, NOT IN RESPONSE TO SPECIFIC REQUESTS WILL BE SUBMITTED PRIOR TO JAN 31 DEADLINE.)

5. DEPT PROPOSES FOLLOWING TIMETABLE OF JOINT MEETINGS FOR 77/78 EXCHANGE AND SUBSEQUENT YEARS: MARCH 1, 1976 -

EXCHANGE OF PRIORITY FIELDS; NOVEMBER 15, 1976 - EXCHANGE OF

NOMINATIONS; MARCH 1, 1977 - FINAL DECISIONS ON PLACEMENT OF
NOMINEES.

6. REQUEST EMBASSY PRESENT ABOVE TIMETABLES TO MHE. EMB-
ASSY SHOULD EMPHASIZE IMPORTANCE OF MEETING DEADLINES AGREED
UPON AND MAKING NOMINATIONS MATCH POSITIONS REQUESTED IN
LIST OF PRIORITY FIELDS. IF NOMINATIONS DO NOT MATCH
PRIORITY FIELDS, PLACEMENT BECOMES MORE DIFFICULT AND TIME
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